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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

That newspaper correspondent who
wrote from Raleigh that there are large
quantities of partridges this year be-
cause June was a dry month, must
have been napping.

A paragraph in the Virginian says:
"The most expensive parliament in
Europe is that of France. The two
chambers cost the nation \$1,500,000 an-
nually. Spain spends \$600,000 on her
representation; Italy, \$650,000; Brit-
ain, \$750,000."

Knowledge and careful observation
may lie dormant for a long time, but
to the truly great minds they are a
treasure in the end. Galileo made his
observation of the lamp swinging in the
Metropolitan church at Pisa when
he was eighteen years old. Fifty years
afterwards he applied it to the theory
of the pendulum, and his name has
been read and known around the world.

The disciples of Isaac Walton will
perhaps be interested in the new device
patented by a Chicago genius, adding a
labor saving department to the angler's
sport. It is a rod and holder cocked on
a strong spring. The fisherman sim-
ply baits it, sets it in the water and lolls
in the shade. When the fish bites the
contraption falls like a spring trap,
seizes the fish, and by the uncoiling of
the spring throws it upon the shore
high and dry.

The Lowell News says that an Ital-
ian in New York employs about 125
boot blacks to work for him on the var-
ious ferry boats. He pays them \$3.50
a week and they turn over to him all
the money they take in. He pays
them their \$3.50 a week, we presume,
whether they have made it or not.
They are thus sure of a fair salary.
However, at the end of each week he is
in some hundreds of dollars.

"Necessity is the mother of inven-
tion," they say, and it turned out
a most useful invention with Mr. Wm.
J. Ferguson, chief engineer of the
Equitable Building, Philadelphia.
His invalid wife spends much of her
time in a rocking chair, and he has
invented a fan which fastens to the
chair, and whenever she rocks the fan
moves and keeps her cool. The mo-
tion of the rocker operates the fan, and
such was the success that the contriv-
ance has been patented. After all, hu-
manity does not always suffer for
naught. Perhaps that invalid's suffer-
ing may be the means of comfort to
others ten thousand-fold.

There has long been a feeling with
persons who are especially afraid of
lightning that a feather bed is the sat-
est place during a thunderstorm. Re-
cently this idea has been almost ridi-
culed by the scientific reasoners, saying
that there is no more protection on a
feather bed than anywhere else in the
house out of a draft.

But an occurrence at Bonne Terry,
Md., a few nights ago will give the
feather bed advocates a new argument.
It is said lightning struck the house,
set fire to the shuck mattress on which
a feather bed was placed, but the feath-
ers diverted the lightning from two
women who were sleeping on the bed
and saved their lives.

The adage that "a man must get the
permission of his wife to succeed in the
world," seems to be verified in the case
of Mr. Bryan, the Democratic nominee
for President. His wife is said to have
had much to do with his brilliant ca-
reer, and has helped in almost all his
work.

It may be set down as a fact, that
some men rise to their highest possi-
bilities when their wives are in sym-
pathy with their work and render all
the aid that a tender, womanly nature
can; but never a man has risen to the
heights of his best powers when his
wife was unsympathetic and indiffer-
ent to his work. Few wives really ap-
preciate their influence over their hus-
bands. Dear, good souls, your influ-
ence is either to push your struggling
husband up or pull him down. Which
is it with you, reader?

THE SCARECROW.

It was a regular scarecrow man,
Made on the old and well-known plan—
A cross of sticks in a garb forlorn—
That stood on guard in the field of corn.
And indeed it made the old farmer
smile.

As he put it up and whistled the while,
It would look to the crows so very fer-
ocious,
So truly astounding and atrocious,
That it tickled his fancy to think how
they

Would catch a glimpse and flutter away.
Well, two black crows sat on a tree,
And the young crow said to the old
one: "See!

Now, what is that frightful thing out
there?
It's enough any honest crow to rear!"
But the old crow chuckled and then
looked wise,

He shook his feathers and winked his eyes,
Something tickled him, but if 'twas a
joke
He didn't show it a bit when he spoke,
As, looking down at the younger crow,
He said: "What is it?" Ah, don't you
know?"

"Why, that, as we wise ones all suppose,
Is the special patron saint of the crows!
We watch for his coming every year,
To tell when the feast of corn is here.
See how he stands with his arms stretch-
ed out!
He is calling the crows from all about!
Such a kind invitation is most alluring,
So very cordial and reassuring!
I think we'd better accept, don't you?
And down to the field of corn they flew."
—Farmer's Magazine.

About Patriotism.

Norfolk Landmark, July 4th.

It cannot be admitted, however
reluctantly, that there does not appear
to be the same widespread manifesta-
tion of national pride and hearty pa-
triotism in these days as there used to
be. There is plenty of noise and an
abundance of fireworks, but the peo-
ple as a whole do not take the same
interest that they once did. They do
not forget the little cares of the mo-
ment in their excitement over the im-
port of great holidays such as this.
They think of the Fourth of July as
a day when the boys will buy toy
cannons and crackers and when the
toy cannon and cracker dealers will
keep their stores open to supply the
demand. Very few look forward to
the event with any pleasant expecta-
tion of laying aside the routine of dai-
ly labor. Many, we venture to assert,
do not think once from sunrise to sun-
set of the Declaration of Independ-
ence.

Call back to memory the old days
when the Fourth was a great day in
the true sense of the word. Remember
the picnics, the barbecues, the utter
forgetfulness for the time being of
anything except the magnificent
significance of the occasion. We have
noise now, but the old spirit is not
with us as it should be. Business goes
on pretty much as on other days and
a great many have not the time to
make merry even if they wished.

There is no reason why this should
continue. It is a tendency which is
easily checked now, but which might
be dangerous if it were suffered to
grow. Let us revive our old customs
and make the Fourth of July more
than a mere name. Let us have real
celebration, "speechifying," recreation,
bluster, "jingoism," if you like. Let
the people get together and make each
other's acquaintance as they listen to
some fiery oration on the glory of the
country and its ability to whip all the
rest of the earth. Let us enjoy our-
selves—mentally and physically.

It is a terrible thing for the citizens
of any land to forget the bright pages
of their history, and the commentary
is a sad one when the great soldiers
and statesmen who gave their lives to
strengthen the country in its infancy
are not remembered with the reverence
and gratitude which they deserve.
The United States have by no means
reached such a condition yet, but the
inclination is undoubtedly in that
direction. We should reverse it while
there is time.

Americans are proud of their nation
and they should be glad to exhibit
their pride at least once a year. The
day of all days is this.
We do not mean by what we have
said to suggest more noise and more
fire. Neither do we mean by this
qualification that there should not be
any noise or any fire; but we do mean
that noise and fire do not in them-
selves constitute patriotism.

Your Boy Won't Live a Month.

So Mr. Gilman Brown, of 34 Mill St.,
South Gardner, Mass., was told by the
doctors. His son had Lung trouble,
following Typhoid Malarie, and he
spent three hundred and seventy-five
dollars with doctors, who finally gave
him up, saying: "Your boy won't live
him up, saying: "Your boy won't live
a month." He tried Dr. King's New
Discovery, and a few bottles restored
him to health and enabled him to go
to work a perfectly well man. He says
he owes his present good health to use
of Dr. King's New Discovery, and
knows it to be the best in the world
for Lung trouble. Trial Bottles Free
at E. T. Whitehead & Co.'s Drug
Store.

APHORISMS.

FUN AND SENSE.

Poor Richard's Almanac.

Recorder.
In December of the year 1732 Frank-
lin commenced the publication of
what he styled "Poor Richard's Al-
manac"—price, 5 pence. It attained
an astonishing popularity, and at once
Three editions were sold within the
month of its appearance. The aver-
age sale for twenty-five years was 100,
000 a year. He was sometimes oblig-
ed to put it to press in October to get
a supply of copies to the remote col-
onies by the beginning of the year. It
has been translated into nearly every
written language, and several transla-
tions of it have been made into the
French and German. It contains some
of the best fun, as well as the wisest
counsel that emanated from his pen.
Here are some of the aphorisms with
which the almanac abounded:

Fish and visitors smell in three
days.
Diligence is the mother of good
luck.
Wealth is not his that has it, but
his that enjoys it.
Let thy maidservant be faithful,
strong, and homely.
He that can have patience can have
what he will.
Don't throw stones at your neigh-
bor's windows, if your own windows are
glass.
Good wives and good plantations are
made by good husbands.
God heals; the doctor takes the fee.
The noblest question in the world is,
What may I do in it?
There are three faithful friends—an
old wife, an old dog, and ready mon-
ey.
Who has deceived thee so oft as thy-
self?
Fly pleasures, and they'll follow you.
Hast thou virtue, acquire also the
graces and beauties of virtue.
He that would have a short Lent,
let him borrow money to be paid East-
er.
Keep your eyes wide open before
marriage; half-shut afterward.
As we must account for every idle
word, so we must for every idle silence.
Search others for their virtues: thy-
self for thy vices.
Grace thou thy house, and let not
that grace thee.
Let thy child's first lesson be obedi-
ence, and the second will be what thou
wilt.
Let thy discontents be thy secrets.
Industry need not wish.
Happy that nation, fortunate that
age, whose history is not diverting.
To bear other people's afflictions
every one has courage enough to
spare.
Tricks and treachery are the practice
of fools that have not wit enough to be
honest.
Sloth, like rust, consumes faster
than labor wears, while the used key is
always bright.
The sleeping fox catches no poul-
try.
There is no little enemy.
A new truth is a truth; an old error
is an error.
Three may keep a secret—if two
of them are dead.
Deny self for self's sake.
Keep thy shop and thy shop will
keep thee.
Here comes the orator with his flood
of words and his drop of reason.
Sal. laughs at everything you say.
Why? Because she has fine teeth.
An old young man will be a young
old man.
He is no clown that drives the plow,
but he that does clownish things.
Forewarned, forearmed.
If you would know the value of
money, go and try to borrow some.

Hold on.

Reflector.
Hold on to virtue—it is above all
price to you, in all times and places.
Hold on to your good character for
it is, and ever will be, your best wealth.
Hold on to your hand when you are
about to strike, steal, or do an impos-
sible act.
Hold on to the truth, for it will serve
well, and do you good throughout eter-
nity.
Hold on to your tongue when you
are just ready to swear, lie, or speak
harshly, or use an improper word.

Hold on.

Electricity's Rivals.

Manufacturers' Record.

Those who have studied closely the
question of motive powers will ac-
knowledge that it may be only a ques-
tion of a short time before compressed
air, and possibly hot water, are largely
substituted for electricity, wonderful
as has been the advance made by elec-
trical engineers in adapting it to
the use of railways. Several of the
largest corporations in the country,
including the Westinghouse Company,
at Pittsburg, H. K. Porter & Co., of
the same place, and a company at Bal-
timore, Md., are making an elaborate
series of experiments, sparing no ex-
pense, in order to perfect the best de-
vices for the use of compressed air.

A special street car operated by com-
pressed air is now giving good service
in Worcester, Mass., and, as already stat-
ed in the Manufacturers' Record, the
Eckington & Soldiers' Home Railroad
Co., at Washington, is having its first
motor cars completed for use on its
street railway lines in that city. Ac-
cording to the present plan, power is to
be supplied to the locomotives from a
tank carried in front on a low truck.
This truck is coupled on at the power-
house and replaced after each round
trip, the capacity of the tank being
equal to the requirements for this dis-
tance. Ten of the motors are being
built by H. K. Porter & Co., of Pitts-
burg.

As yet but little has been heard of
the hot water motor. This, however,
is being tested by the New York Cen-
tral Railroad Co., which has fitted up a
plant, which has been in operation for
nearly a year. Prest. Chauncey M. De-
pew, of the company, states that experi-
ments are nearly completed, and there
is reason to believe that the use
of hot water will eventually revolution-
ize traffic on railroads. It is expected
that the experts in charge of these ex-
periments of the Central will make a
report in a few days, and that if it is
decided to make a practical test, that
one of the suburban lines of the New
York Central extending out of New
York city will be used.

The Enchantments.

Shawen in Robesonian.

There are times when even the most
practical minded of us grow tired of
the monotonous and dull routine of
life, and would throw off the harness of
work-a-day existence and for a brief
spell revel in lazy dreams. There is in-
expressible delight in the complete re-
laxation of body and mind which are
momentarily freed from the struggling
elements of thought and action. In
this happy indulgence of spirit we re-
alize that it is not all of life to be in-
defatigable workers and unceasing toil-
ers, for these are moments of supreme
delight—more soul-satisfying than all
else—among the enchantments and
mysteries of the dream-world. It is
less wearisome to till the long furrows
with a stretch of light meadow-land in
view and the glimpse of sunny slopes
bounding the limits of the vision.

After a season of arduous toil there
is enchantment in the glorious beauty
of spring time which smiles upon the
world. Her perfume-laden breath and
wealth of promise which nature gives
with lavish hand makes the heart grow
young again, in the ecstasy of hope.
There is enchantment in the lazy
dreaming of a summer afternoon, drows-
ing on the mossy bank of some winding
stream, watching the play of sportive
minnows in the water's edge, made
transparent by the rays of sunlight
through the trees overhead, or watch-
ing the sudden bubbles and wide-spread-
ing circles along the current of the
stream which tells of the artful cunning
of the finny tribe as they coquette
with the hook and line. There is en-
chantment in weaving garlands of
woodland flowers and dreaming over
the happy hours of childhood, when
the heart knew naught of sorrow and
bitter disappointments. There is en-
chantment in looking up through the
branches of shimmering green and etch-
ing bright pictures against heaven's
blue, dreaming of the restful peace
which is promised to the faithful in
that far-off world beyond the skies.

Free Pills.

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weaken by their action, but by giving
tone to stomach and bowels greatly in-
vigorates the system. Regular size 25
cents per box. Sold by E. T. White-
head & Co., Druggist.

STRANGE FAMILY.

THEY SLEEP IN COFFINS.

Curious Family of Religious Enthu- siasts in Montreal.

Baltimore Sun.

In all the world, probably, there is
no body of religious enthusiasts whose
regimen is so severe as that of the Au-
bins, of Montreal, says The London
Mail. Deprived of every suggestion of
comfort they sleep at night not in beds
even of the hardest sort, not on a pal-
let of straw, not even on a bare board,
but in coffins, narrow and grim and
black.

These gruesome resting places are
not cushioned or even lined, and year
in and year out the devotees occupy
them for the betterment of their souls
and in order that they may more thor-
oughly forget the vanities of the world.

They subsist upon bread and water,
and to vary the woe monotony of
such living, they spend hours of each
day bent in prayer, about an altar
in a darkened chapel, their necks la-
den with chains of great weight.

This strangest of all religious com-
panies was founded by a Dr. Jacques.
Years ago, when the smallpox epidem-
ic killed off hundreds of the people of
Montreal, Dr. Jacques had among his
1,500 patients the family of Aubin.

They were persons of good social
standing, and after the disappearance
of the smallpox they set about the ful-
fillment of vows they had made during
sickness. Father, mother, and five
daughters, they withdrew entirely from
the world, and live now in the house
of Dr. Jacques, who himself is the
head of the sect.

The upper floor of the house is di-
vided into rooms or cells, bare of car-
pets or of furniture save the unsightly
coffins, plain, unpainted tables and tin
washbasins. In the room used for pur-
poses of regular worship there stands,
in the shadow of the altar a post, with
heavy chains hanging from it.

The prime motive of these recluses is
to intercede for the souls of their sis-
ters of the world whom destiny has
thrown in the way of temptation. So
when the social season arrives, when
parties, balls and festivals are in pro-
gress, then, in the Aubin household,
all the rigors and deprivations of mon-
astic life are redoubled, and the clois-
tered family fast faithfully and spend
hours of each day upon their knees in
urgent prayer, their necks weighted
with heavy ox chains.

Even in the fierce cold of a Cana-
dian winter they have no fires in their
cells.

"I am so Tired."

Burlington News

That expression finds vent with all
classes and while often used idly, there
is much in it; in fact the mere speak-
ing of the four words seem to give rest,
more especially if they are heard by a
sympathizing laborer, or bosom com-
panion.

Tired, yes, tired of the monotonizing
tread mill of labor, tired of walking the
same streets many times a day, tired
of all except loved ones and life. Life
is the last thing a sane man tires of.
For many there is no rest from the
tread mill, for by it the body is fed and
clothed, and to stop to rest is to stop
existing. Those who can rest often,
will not, for the sake of saving a dollar,
and others who would cannot afford it.
The American system of working
day and night, and studying on Sun-
day how to work more, grows on the
people, and a man cannot put down
his business without losing it. Tired
and can't rest. God pity us all.

Money Refunded.
We have just received a shipment of
**Johnson's
Chill and Fever Tonic**
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standing between the manufacturer and
ourselves that each and every bottle is
guaranteed to cure any of the following
diseases:
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2nd—BILIOUS FEVER.
3rd—TYPHOID FEVER.
4th—HEMORRHAGIC FEVER.
5th—DENGUE FEVER.
6th—MEASLES.
7th—NEURALGIA.
8th—LAGRIPPE.
Now, we are willing to sell to you
on the same conditions we buy it on.
We will guarantee one single 50c bot-
tle to cure any of the diseases above
enumerated. Failing to do so we will
cheerfully return your money.
Yours truly,
E. T. WHITEHEAD & CO.,
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